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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Terminal Disclaimer

1. The terminal disclaimer filed on 7/6/05 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of US Pat. No. 6,721,821 B1 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tsukada et al. (US 5,481,432).

Tsukada teaches an electronic data storage apparatus (fig. 13) for use in connection with an electronic data processing device (55), comprising: a removable substrate (340), at least one electronic data storage device (a flash memory device 60),

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said at least one electronic data storage device mounted on said substrate (fig. 16), electrical circuitry (58) operably associated with said substrate and said at least one electronic data storage device, and means (bus shown in fig. 13, not labeled) for electrically connecting said electrical circuitry with said data processing device (claims 1 and 4); wherein said substrate comprises a printed circuit card (see col. 20, line 32) (claim 2); wherein said at least one electronic data storage device comprises a hard disk drive (260) (claim 3); wherein said means for electrically connecting said electrical circuitry with said data processing device comprises a multi-pin electrical connector (24) (claim 5); and a controller (58) for controlling transfer of data to and from said at least one electronic data storage device and said data processing device (see col. 7, lines 26-30) (claims 6-7).

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kakuta et al. (US 5,600,783).

Kakuta teaches an electronic data storage apparatus (fig. 1A) for use in connection with an electronic data processing device (1, fig. 1), comprising: a plurality of substrates (5A), wherein each of said substrates is configured for selective installation in said electronic data processing device (shown in fig. 2), at least one electronic data

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storage device (5) mounted on each of said substrates (fig. 1), electrical circuitry (20) operably associated with each of said substrates and said at least one electronic data storage device, and a controller (8) for controlling transfer of data to and from said at least one electronic data storage device mounted on each of said substrates (see fig. 3 and col. 5, lines 35-64).

6. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kakuta et al.

Kakuta teaches an electronic data processing apparatus (fig. 1A) comprising: a processing unit (1, fig. 1), a data storage apparatus (5A, fig. 1) including a removable substrate (5A, fig. 2, 5A is removable from 27), an electronic data storage devices (5) mounted on said substrate, electrical circuitry (20) operably associated with said substrate and said electronic data storage device (shown in fig. 1), and means (37) for electrically connecting said electrical circuitry with said processing unit (shown in fig. 1), a controller (8) for controlling the transfer of data to and from said at least one data storage device and for controlling the transfer of data to and from said at least one processing unit (see col. 4, lines 40-45), and a switch (11) for directing data from at least one of said processors to at least one of said data storage devices and for directing data from at least one of said data storage devices to at least one of said processors (see fig. 3 and col. 5, lines 35-64).

7. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kakuta et al.

Kakuta teaches an electronic data storage apparatus (fig. 1A) comprising: a substrate (5A) adapted for selective insertion into a chassis (a chassis may be represented by motherboard 37), at least one first electronic data storage device (5) connected to said substrate (fig. 1), said substrate comprising at least one electrical conductor (see fig. 1) corresponding to said at least one first electronic data storage device, and said at least one first electronic data storage device electrically coupled to said at least one electrical conductor (shown in fig. 1).

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 9 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

9. Applicant's arguments filed 7/6/05, with respect to claims 8 and 10 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The original rejection of claims 8 and 10 has been withdrawn.

Correspondence

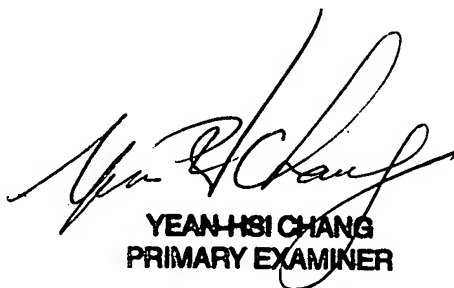
10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yean-Hsi Chang whose telephone number is (571) 272-2038. The examiner can normally be reached on 07:30 - 16:00, Monday through Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Art Unit phone number is (571) 272-2800, ext. 35. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-8558.

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